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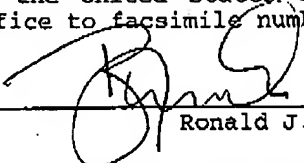
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated  
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The Action requires an election of one of the following  
species of the method of claims 4-13 of the present invention:

(I) the species wherein the flexible film is peeled away from  
the reinforcing plate by relatively moving the curved support

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body with respect to the reinforcing plate while the curved support body is being rotated, and

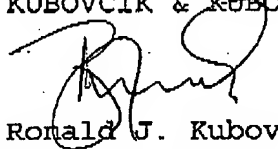
(II) the species wherein the flexible film is peeled away from the reinforcing plate by inserting a wedge-shaped peeling member between the reinforcing plate and the flexible film.

Applicants elect Group (I) as the species. Claims 4 to 10, 12 and 13 are believed to read on the elected species. This election is made without traverse.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2008.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension and any additional required fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 111833.

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